



Cactus Weekly Update



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Apart Three Feet, In the Street. The city of Glendale has recently updated its ordinance on the placement of sanitation and recycling containers. Beginning Jan. 2014, residential containers (refuse and recycling) will be required to be placed in the street at the curb.

There are a few exceptions to this new requirement, which include:

- If your residence is located on an arterial street (a main thoroughfare) you will not place your containers in the street due to vehicle traffic. Place containers on the sidewalk, close to the curb (please allow pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk with no obstructions).
- If you live in an area with alleys behind your home, you will continue to take your trash to the sanitation container in the alley, and now you will place your recycling container in the street in front of your home.
- A property with no access to the street and no sidewalk will place their containers at the edge of the driveway closest to the street.
- A property with a detached sidewalk (open area between sidewalk and curb) in front of the home will place the container in the street at the curb.

The safety of its residents is the city's number one priority. This modification will provide unrestricted access to the city sidewalks for all pedestrians in the community, reducing the need for pedestrians to navigate around sanitation containers and onto private property or city streets.

The city would like to remind residents that containers should continue to be placed three feet apart on collection days, as well. For additional information, questions or concerns, [click here](#). Or call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Glendale Fire Department Encouraging Residents to Sign Up for Vital Communication Service. The Glendale Fire Department is asking residents to sign up for a free communication service that allows residents to receive important, valuable community information from the fire department directly using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service allows the fire department to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text messages and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's website at www.nixle.com.

Messages may include intersections to avoid due to accidents, impending weather, health advisories as well as other relevant safety and community event information. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text messages, or over the web.

Nixle builds on the foundation of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter and Facebook, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from the fire department via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

Residents of Glendale and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text messages, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

It's Coming up Roses at Annual Sahuaro Ranch Park Rose Pruning Event. The Rose Society of Glendale, along with Glendale Parks and Recreation, will offer the free annual rose pruning event "It's Coming Up Roses" from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The event is open to the public.

Event attendees will be able to help prune existing rose bushes and help plant and transplant additional rose bushes beginning at 8 a.m. Two seminars available at 9 and 11 a.m. will cover pruning, planting, transplanting, choosing roses, watering and more. Each seminar will follow with a question and answer session and demonstrations. For more information, [click here](#).

Around Town

Council Meetings and Workshops. To review the posted agenda and web video of Council Workshops and meetings, please [click here](#).

Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Rocks Downtown Glendale January 11. Glow, baby, glow! Glendale Glitters holiday light display concludes with a rockin' block party, Glendale Glitter and Glow, on Jan. 11, from 4 to 10 p.m. with fun for the whole family!

Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with more than 20 hot air balloons glowing brightly amidst the trees throughout 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. A highlight for visitors will be specially-shaped balloons, as well as mass glows, in which the balloon pilots will fire the balloons all at once to create an illuminating spectacle.

The dazzling scene of vibrant glowing colors and twinkling lights, combined with musical performances and delicious food and beverages, will be a feast for the senses. Thousands of people are expected to stroll along the closed downtown streets and watch tethered balloons, enjoying around 10 bands performing rock, blues, reggae, country and jazz music as well as vibrant street performers for a climactic finale to a festive season.

Glendale Glitter & Glow is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, and sponsored by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Arizona, SRP, Valley Buick-GMC, Sears Vacations, the Arizona Republic, Monster Energy Drinks, ABC-15, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and the Phoenix Coyotes.

For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299 or [click here](#).

What Everyone Needs To Know About Social Security. A one-day class on Thursday, Jan 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., will answer the following questions: When should I take my Social Security benefits? Should I continue to work while collecting Social Security? How is my benefit amount determined? The instructor will discuss strategies to position you for your social Security benefits. Maximize your benefit and cash flow through tax planning before and after taking your benefit. Instructor Marty Urbanowicz's qualifications as a Certified Financial Planner and Enrolled Agent federally licensed tax practitioner make this one-of-a-kind class useful and educational from multiple angles. The class is \$20 (non-resident \$24). Preregistration is required. [Click here](#) to register or call 623-930-4613 for more information

Dog Behavior Training Classes. Train your dog using friendly, nonviolent techniques. Sit, stay, come, down, walking on a leash, behavior topics, and problem solving such as chewing, barking, biting, jumping and more are covered. Classes begin on Tuesday Jan. 21 for 4 weeks from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Acoma Park, 53rd and Acoma Avenues. Bring your dog, a leash, dog treats in small pieces, water bowl, water, your dog's favorite toy and any training equipment you already use. A manual and training aid is included. Handlers ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be at least five months old and have proof of shots. The class is \$59 (non-resident \$71). Preregistration is required. [Click here](#) to register or call 623-930-4613 for more information.

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